

PS-10.24, "SPECIAL CONCERNS OFFENDER REINTEGRATION (SCOR)

SCDC POLICY

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TITLE: SPECIAL CONCERNS OFFENDER REINTEGRATION (SCOR)

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RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: PROGRAMS, REENTRY, AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

MANUAL: PROGRAMS SERVICES

SUPERSEDES: NEW POLICY

RELEVANT SCDC FORMS: NONE

ACA/CAC STANDARDS: 4-4251, 4-4253, 4-4254, 4-4258, 4-4262, 4-4267, 4-4268, 4-4271, 4-4273, 4-4277

STATE/FEDERAL STATUTES: South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 24-1-130, and Section 24-1-140

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the management and programming of inmates within the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) who do not actively pose behavioral/assaultive problems, but refuse to enter general population because of the fear of living with others.

POLICY STATEMENT: The Special Concerns Offender Reintegration (SCOR) Program is designed to help motivate inmates in making a successful reintegration, stepping down from Restrictive Housing and returning to general population, while simultaneously providing opportunities for successful reentry into their communities upon release from incarceration. SCOR is a progressive response that enables the inmate to live without fear in populations outside of Restricted Housing Units (RHU). SCOR will employ evaluation tools to observe and measure standards that ensure fidelity in inmate management services and programming. This approach applies evidence-based practices, including effective communication, research-based programming, sanctions and incentives, and appropriate security enhancements. This is a general population program, and restraints are not required for participants.

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SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

1. SPECIAL CONCERNS OFFENDER REINTEGRATION (SCOR) PROGRAM:

1.1 The Special Concerns Offender Reintegration (SCOR) Program will be located at one (1) or more institutions within the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC). The physical space identified will be structured to support different security levels and programming needs. Bed capacity will vary based on need.

1.2 The SCOR Program is a four (4) step program for inmates, with the goal of placing the inmate in a general population setting (see Attachment A).

1.3 The SCOR Program will:

1.3.1 Determine the reason the inmate has refused to return to general population.

1.3.2 Develop a specific management plan based on each inmate's motivation and needs by assisting inmates to set realistic goals.

1.3.3 Through small steps/changes, with the eventual goal of population entry, the focus on increasing socialization and the use of effective communication skills, programming, and immediate sanctions/incentives will be used to create a culture where the inmate has no escape from reentering population.

1.3.4 Use effective communication providing positive reinforcement for progress and on-going dialogue to determine the commitment of the inmate.

1.3.5 Determine appropriate reclassification upon completion of program.

2. Assignment to the SCOR Program:

2.1 Inmates who are reviewed by an Institutional Protective Custody Committee (IPCC) or a Statewide Protective Custody (SWPC) Board two (2) or more times in a one (1)-year period, may be assigned to the SCOR Program. Other general criteria for assignment should include, but is not limited to:

- Documented refusal to enter general population;
- Found invalid for Statewide Protective Custody;
- No violent behavior in an institutional environment;
- No severe mental health issues (MH Codes 1, 2, and 3 are not appropriate for the program);
- No severe physical limitations.

2.2 Placement in the SCOR Program will be approved by Central Classification's Statewide Protective Custody (SWPC) Board.

2.3 The Deputy Director, Programs, Reentry and Rehabilitative Services (DDPRRS), shall provide a designee to sit on the SWPC Board any time a case is being considered for placement in SCOR.

2.4 The Central Classification Program Coordinator for the SWPC shall ensure the DDPRRS is appropriately notified of the date and time for each review.

3. SCOR Program Management:

3.1 A SCOR Review Committee (SRC) shall be established to conduct initial placement reviews within the SCOR Program and to conduct interim reviews for step advancement/regression or removal from the program for disruptive, non-compliant or inappropriate behavior.

3.2 The SRC will consist of the Associate Warden of Programs, Program Coordinator, Classification Case Manager/designee, Program Sergeant, and an STG representative (for initial reviews). A Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) must be included as a voting member if the inmate has a mental health designation. Should a concern for the welfare of an inmate who does not have a mental health designation arise, a QMHP should be asked to participate in the inmate's orientation and review.

3.3 Reception: All newly arrived inmates for SCOR shall be placed in SCOR 1 pending an initial review by the SRC. The SRC will conduct an in-person review within seven (7) days for each newly arrived inmate to determine the appropriate SCOR step placement.

3.4 Orientation (SCOR Step 1): SCOR 1 is the programming gateway to the SCOR Program and is the Orientation Phase for the SCOR Program. During assignment to SCOR 1, inmates will have an opportunity to discuss the reasons they were assigned to SCOR and the expectation for an improved adjustment, as well as beginning the mandatory SCOR programming. Orientation during SCOR 1 will include:

- Providing each inmate with information on the four (4) steps, requirements, privileges, and goals of SCOR.
- SRC meets with the inmate.

- Development of the inmate's individual Treatment Plan.
- Complete in-cell programming as assigned.
- No behavioral issues - SRC will review any institutional infractions to determine if inmate remains appropriate for the program.
- Program expectations to include behavior, cell compliance, communication with staff, compliance with medication (if applicable).
- Meet with SRC, as needed, and upon completion of the Orientation phase.

3.5 SCOR Step 2: The components of SCOR Step 1 are as follows:

- Programming and educational services provided in-cell and small groups;
- Inmate completes programming as assigned;
- No behavioral issues - SRC will review any institutional infractions to determine if inmate remains appropriate for the program;
- Cell compliance;
- Grooming compliance;
- Communicate with staff;
- Increase in privileges;
- 100% compliance with medication, if applicable;
- Eligible for participation in work programming
- Meet with SRC, as needed, and upon completion of Step 1.

3.6 SCOR Step 3: The components of SCOR Step 2 are as follows.

- SRC will review inmate's program participation for meaningful progress;
- Programming and educational services provided to inmate in small groups;
- Inmate completes programming as assigned;
- No behavioral issues - SRC will review any institutional infractions to determine if inmate remains appropriate for the program;
- Cell compliance;
- Grooming compliance;
- Dialogue with staff;
- Increase in privileges;
- Eligible for participation in work programming;
- 100% compliance with medication, if applicable;
- Meet with SRC, as needed, and upon completion of Step 2.

3.7 SCOR Step 4: The components of SCOR Step 3 are as follows:

- SRC reviews program participation for meaningful progress;
- Inmate completes programming as assigned;
- Programming and educational services provided to inmate in groups;
- No behavioral issues - SRC will review any institutional infractions to determine if inmate remains appropriate for the program;

- Cell compliance;
- Grooming compliance;
- 100% compliance with medication, if applicable;
- General population privileges;
- Eligible for Quarterly Package ordering;
- Meet with SRC, as needed, and upon completion of Step 3;
- Reintegrate into general population upon bed availability and successful program completion.

3.8 Work Assignments: Inmates assigned to Step 3 in the SCOR program may be eligible for job assignments and Earned Work Credits.

4. REVIEWS:

4.1 All inmates assigned to the SCOR Program will participate in interim reviews with the SRC on a monthly basis to evaluate participation, discuss concerns, review disciplinary issues, and if required, based on predetermined factors, remove a participant from the program. During these monthly reviews when a participant demonstrates meaningful success, the inmate may be recommended to be advanced to the next level of SCOR. Conversely, inmates that have not made progress or demonstrate behavior that is contrary to the program may be regressed or recommended for removal from the program. Recommendations for removal will be reviewed by the Institutional Classification Committee and forwarded to the Central Classification SWPC Board for a decision.

5. PEER SUPPORT:

5.1 SCDC trained Peer Support inmates will live in the SCOR unit, and are allowed access to those housed in SCOR 1. These Peer Support inmates will assist and nurture SCOR participants in matters related to addictions. Four (4) Peer Support inmates are required for the SCOR unit.

6. REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE:

6.1 Inmates who refuse to participate in SCOR, after having requested PC status and being referred to the program, may be removed from the program and placed in the Restrictive Housing Unit for review and transfer to another institution. Those transferred will be reassigned to an Adjustment Unit and are subject to review by Central Classification for security level reclassification.

7. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR:

7.1 Any disruptive behavior in the SCOR Program will be handled per SCDC Policy OP-22.14, "Inmate Disciplinary System," to include placement in the Restrictive Housing Unit and removal from the SCOR program. Removal from the program for disruptive behavior may result in inmate's transfer to an Adjustment Unit, and review by Central Classification for security level reclassification.

8. DEFINITIONS: None

SIGNATURE ON FILE

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s/Bryan P. Stirling, Director

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Date of Signature

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ATTACHMENT A - SCOR Program Matrix